

I am appalled by Sinclair Broadcasting's pending decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. Their blatant attempt to manipulate local stations in an attempt to affect one of the most important elections of our lifetime is not only illegal but also provides a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. This decision is NOT in the public interest and reveals a clear bias that is both unfair and undemocratic.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But the choice Sinclair is making is clearly motivated by a desire to serve its own interests--that is, to help elect the candidate that will kowtow to the agendas of large corporations like themselves.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They also reveal why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.